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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US RO OVIP (CEAUSESCU, NICOLAE)

SUBJECT: GLIGA TRIP: PREDEPARTURE COMMENTS ON CEAUSESCU VISIT, MFA LEADERSHIP

- 1. DURING MARCH 14 AIRPORT CONVERSATION BEFORE DEPARTING FOR WASHINGTON (VIA ZURICH, FRANKFURT, AND NEW YORK), GOR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA:
- --CONFIRMED THAT ROMANIAN COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR STATE VISIT ITINERARY PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR NICOLAE HAD BEEN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HIMSELF.
- --SAID GOR HAD NO PLANS TO PUBLICIZE HIS DISARMAMENT
  CONSULTATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE FACT BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO
  DISCUSS TIMING IF U.S. PRACTICE CALLED FOR EARLIER PUBLICATION.
  --SAID NEW MINISTER STATE SECRETARY ILIE RADULESCU WAS
  SITTING IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AS DE JURE "NUMBER 2" BUT THAT HE
  STILL HAD FORMALLY TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES AS PARTY FIRST
  SECRETARY IN HUNEDOARA. IN GLIGA'S ABSENCE DEPUTY FOREIGN
  MINISTER OANCEA WOULD BE DE FACTO HEAD OF MINISTRY.
  --SAID CURRENT PROGNOSIS ON FONMIN MACOVESCU'S RECOVERY
  IS GOOD AND HE DEFINITELY EXPECTED IN OFFICE ON APRIL 1,
  SINCE NO COMPLICATIONS ARISE FROM HIS GALL BLADDER

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OPERATION. GOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S PROBLEMS WITH RHEUMATIC HEART CONDITION JUST PRIOR TO CEAUSESCU VISIT.

--CONFIRMED HIS OWN PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON MARCH 17 FOR MEETINGS WITH ROMANIAN UN MISSION PRIOR TO MARCH 18 DEPARTURE FOR ROMANIA VIA PAA.

2. DEPT PLEASE CONFIRM GLIGA DEPARTURE PLANS BY CABLE
TOWARD END OF WEEK.
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